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December 7, 2021

Louisiana Board of Ethics
Angela Newsom, Director
Post Office Box 4368
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821

Re: Late Fee Assessment
July 11, 2020 election
Docket ID: 2020-861

CERTIFIED MAIL

Dear Ms. Newsom:

I received your certified November 10, 2021 letter (No. 7021290000106676155) last Monday or Tuesday in which you informed me that the \$1,000. late fee fine which was previously suspended was now due and that I did not have the right to request a waiver or appeal.

I don't quite know what to say.

This whole experience has been kind of confusing. Over the past year and a half I have been communicating with your office about the waiver or appeal of two matters that are related; the late filing of an annual report and the late filing of a 10G Report. I have been communicating first with Michelle Andricu, then Melissa Hord, then Jennifer Yoho and finally with Charles Reeves.

I received an August 20, 2020 letter (Certified Mail 70200640000107318959) from Melissa Horn with no docket reference but merely a \$1,000. late fee assessment related to the 2019 Annual Report. In this letter she stated that I had 20 days to request a waiver or appeal the assessment.

In August 28, 2020, within her 10 day period, I sent a letter to Ms. Horn requesting a waiver of the late fee assessment in part because I contracted the Corona Virus in March, 2020 and was hospitalized in April, 2020.

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By letter dated August 31, 2020 the Ethics Board, via Melissa Horn, responded to my August 28, 2020 letter, however, the reference on the letter had a blank for the Ethics Board Docket Number. Ms. Horn requested substantiation of my health claim relating to the Corona Virus by October 5, 2020.

I then received a second letter from Melissa Horn, by certified mail (No. 70191640000203574328) dated September 25, 2020 referring to a late assessment for a 10G Report. There was no reference to an Ethics Docket Number. In this letter I was told I had 20 days to request a waiver or dispute the assessment of \$320.

I responded to Ms. Horn's September 25, 2020 letter on October 1, 2020 and requested a waiver for the reasons stated in my August 28, 2020 letter to her referred to above. This letter was faxed and mailed.

My next encounter with the Board of Ethics was two almost identical January 12, 2021 certified letters sent in one envelope (No. 70200090000073035707) from Charles Reeves in which he informed me that the Board declined to waive the \$320. assessment relating to Docket No. 2020 - 861 at a meeting held in January, 2021. **The second letter informed me that the Board decided to suspend the \$1,000. assessment.** I was not aware of the Board meeting and did not appear. Had I been aware I would have appeared. In both of these two letters I was further informed that I had 20 days to request reconsideration or appeal these Board decisions.

By letter dated January 25, 2021 to the Board of Ethics I appealed the \$320. fine referred to in the January 12, 2021 letter referred to above and requested a waiver. I did not request consideration of the \$1,000. fine because it had been suspended. This was sent by fax and by mail.

By letter dated March 9, 2021 Melissa Horn referencing Ethics Board Docket No. 2020-861 Ms. Horn requested additional medical information relating to my hospital discharge (April, 2020) and tax information relating to my financial hardship. A response was requested by April 12, 2021.

By letter dated April 2, 2021 (referencing Ethics Board Docket No. 2020-861) I transmitted the requested financial information; a letter from Dr. William W. Alden which included my medical and hospital records and finally a letter and tax records from my accountant. This was sent by certified mail (No. 70200090000079884422) and signed for by the Board of Ethics on April 8, 2021.

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I then received a letter from Carolyn Landry at the Board of Ethics (referencing Ethics Board Docket No. 2020-861) acknowledging my request for a waiver of a late fee. I can only believe that this was referring to the \$320. since the \$1,000. assessment had been suspended. In any event it was placed on the Board's agenda for the September 3, 2021 meeting.

Hurricane Ida hit Louisiana.

I then received another letter from Carolyn Landry at the Board of Ethics (referencing Ethics Board Docket No. 2020-861) informing me that the Board's meeting for September 3, 2021 had been canceled because of Hurricane Ida and had been re-scheduled for October 8, 2021.

I responded to Charles Reeves that I would be out of the state October 7-12, 2021, enclosed copies of my airline tickets and requested the next available date.

Apparently there was a November 5, 2021 board meeting, however, I did not receive notice (dated five days earlier on October 28, 2021) by regular mail until after the November 5, 2021 Board meeting. I contacted Charles Reeves and we agreed to the January 7, 2022 Board meeting.

Then, on or about November 29th or 30th, 2021 I received your certified letter (No. 70201290000106676155) dated November 10, 2021 referencing Ethics Board Docket No. 2020-861 informing me that the \$1,000. late fee that was suspended **was now not suspended** and that I had no right to request a waiver or appeal. Attached to your letter were **two** almost identical January 12, 2021 letters from Charles Reeves to me; one referring to a fine of \$320. and one referring to the suspended fine of \$1,000.

It seems to me that there were two related matters; the late filing of an annual report and the late filing of a 10G Report. In every notice from the Board of Ethics or conversation with personnel I have requested a waiver or an appeal. I have also requested to appear before the Board when I have been given timely notice. The complete history of my communication from the Board shows that sometimes the communication refers to Ethics Board Docket No. 2020-861 and sometimes it didn't. Most of the communication after January 12, 2021 refer to a \$320. assessment since the other January 12, 2021 letter suspended the \$1,000. assessment. Both of these letters were attached to your November 10, 2021 certified letter to me.

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I have had no hearing before the Board on my issues.

I now have a hearing scheduled for January 7, 2022 which I had assumed would be for the be for the \$320. late fee. I am informed that I may not have a right to have a hearing for a waiver or appeal of the \$1,000. late fee. Nor do I know how the \$1,000. fine went from suspended to not suspended.

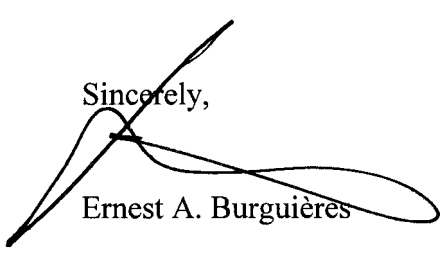
What will it take to get a hearing before the Board? I have documented my Corona Virus. I have documented my hospital stay relating to my Corona Virus. I have documented the debilitating effects that took months to resolve. I have documented the related financial hardship that was related to related to the effects of the Corona Virus. I believe that my mistake was reasonable and quickly corrected with no change in the information provided to the Board. A technical error.

I don't believe the original filing instructions are without ambiguity. If there is ambiguity then are fines of \$1,000. and \$320. fully justified? What is the justification to suspending the \$1,000. assessment then now not suspending it?

In responding to inquiries from the Board sometimes the letter referred to Ethics Board Docket No. 2020-861 and sometimes it didn't. I do believe the facts all occurred in the same time frame and were aggravated by the same reasons, the Corona Virus and its consequences. I would like the opportunity to plea my case before the Board. I have viewed some of the cases before this Board and I understand scofflaws who work the system. I do not believe I fall into that category and would appreciate the opportunity to explain things.

I have attached copies of all communication that I refer to in this letter.

Sincerely,



Ernest A. Burguières



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November 10, 2021

ERNEST A. BURGUIERES, III
P.O. BOX 8994
MANDEVILLE, LA 70470

CERTIFIED MAIL

NO. 70201290000106676155

RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

RE: 2019 Annual Campaign Finance Disclosure Report - July 11, 2020 Election
Docket ID: 2020-861
SUSPENDED LATE FEE

Dear Ernest A. Burguires, III:

Because you failed to timely file the 10-G Campaign Finance Disclosure Report for the July 11, 2020 Election, the \$1,000 suspended amount related to the 2019 Annual campaign finance disclosure report for the July 11, 2020 election is now due and owing. You do not have the right to request a waiver or an appeal.

Please submit a check or money order in the amount of \$1,000 payable to the *Louisiana State Treasurer, Post Office Box 4368, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821* no later than 20 days from receipt of this notice. **Please note that late fees can only be paid by the candidate or by his campaign.**

If you do not pay the \$1,000 suspended portion, it will be forwarded to the Attorney General's Office for collection. If the matter is forwarded to the Attorney General, you may be responsible for all additional costs incurred.

Note that any unpaid fines, fees, or penalties may have an adverse effect on your ability to run for public office, as the *Board of Ethics* will object to your candidacy in future elections pursuant to La. R.S. 18:491 and 18:492.

Sincerely,

Angela Newsom, Director
Campaign Finance & Lobbying Division



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NO. 70200090000073035707

RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

January 12, 2021

ERNEST A. BURGUIERES, III
P.O. BOX 8994
MANDEVILLE, LA 70470

RE: 10-G Campaign Finance Disclosure Report - July 11, 2020 Election
Docket ID: 2020-861
BOARD RESULT: Decline to Waive

Dear Ernest A. Burguierez, III:

At its January 2021 meeting, the Louisiana Board of Ethics, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, considered your request for a "good cause" waiver of the \$320 late fee assessed against you for failing to timely file the 10-G Campaign Finance Disclosure Report campaign finance disclosure report.

The Board concluded, and instructed me to inform you, that it **DECLINED TO WAIVE** the \$320 late fee. Please submit a check or money order in the amount of \$320, payable to *Louisiana State Treasurer*, P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821. You have 20 days from receipt of this notice to pay the late fee or dispute the assessment.

To dispute the assessment, you may elect to do either or both of the following:

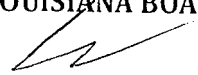
1. You may submit a **request for reconsideration** to the *Board of Ethics*.
If you choose to request reconsideration, your request should include additional information not previously provided or available to the Board during its initial consideration of the matter. If you would like to appear before the *Board of Ethics* in connection with your request, you should state that in your letter. If you request an appearance, you will be notified of the place and time prior to the meeting. The request should be submitted to: *Louisiana Board of Ethics* Post Office Box 4368, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70821. You may also fax the request to 225/381-7271. If the *Board of Ethics* denies your request, you may appeal the reduced amount to the *Ethics Adjudicatory Board*.
2. You may **request an appeal** of the assessment to the *Ethics Adjudicatory Board*.
Your request shall include all grounds for which you are seeking an appeal, along with documentation and evidence. If you choose to request an appeal, your request should be submitted to: *Louisiana Board of Ethics* Post Office Box 4368, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821. You may also fax the request to 225/381-7271.

If you do not pay the late fee or dispute the assessment within 20 days of receipt of this notice, then the \$320 late fee will be forwarded to the Attorney General's Office for collection. If the matter is forwarded to the Attorney General's Office, you may be responsible for all additional costs incurred. Late fees not paid by the due date will be posted on the agency website. If you request reconsideration or an appeal, your name will not be posted on the agency website.

Additionally, it should be noted that any unpaid fines, fees, or penalties may have an adverse effect on your ability to run for public office, as the *Board of Ethics* will object to your candidacy in future elections pursuant to La. R.S. 18:491 and 18:492.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS


Charles E. Reeves, Jr.

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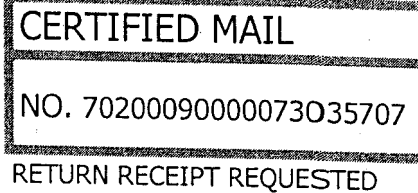


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January 12, 2021

ERNEST A. BURGUIERES, III
P.O. BOX 8994
MANDEVILLE, LA 70470



RE: 2019 Annual Campaign Finance Disclosure Report - July 11, 2020 Election
Docket ID: 2020-861

Dear Ernest A. Burguierez, III:

At its January 2021 meeting, the *Board of Ethics*, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, (by majority vote) suspended the \$1000 late fee assessed against you for failing to timely file the required campaign finance disclosure report. You have 20 days from receipt of this notice to pay the late fee or dispute the assessment.

To dispute the assessment, you may elect to do either or both of the following:


1. You may submit a **request for reconsideration** to the *Board of Ethics*.
If you choose to request reconsideration, your request should include additional information not previously provided or available to the Board during its initial consideration of the matter. If you would like to appear before the *Board of Ethics* in connection with your request, you should state that in your letter. If you request an appearance, you will be notified of the place and time prior to the meeting. The request should be submitted to: *Louisiana Board of Ethics* Post Office Box 4368, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70821. You may also fax the request to 225/381-7271. If the *Board of Ethics* denies your request, you may appeal the reduced amount to the *Ethics Adjudicatory Board*.
2. You may **request an appeal** of the assessment to the *Ethics Adjudicatory Board*.
Your request shall include all grounds for which you are seeking an appeal, along with documentation and evidence. If you choose to request an appeal, your request should be submitted to: *Louisiana Board of Ethics* Post Office Box 4368, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821. You may also fax the request to 225/381-7271.

The suspension is based on future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act. Therefore, if you fail to comply with the CFDA in the future, the suspended late fee in the amount of \$1000 shall be immediately due and owing. Accordingly, if you fail to comply with the CFDA, you will be responsible not only for the new late filing fee, but also the suspended \$1000 late fee.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS


Charles E. Reeves, Jr.

STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
acting in its capacity as the
SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE

In Re: Ernest A. Burguières, III
2019 ANN Report - July 11, 2020 Election

LATE FEE ASSESSMENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Ernest A. Burguières, III, as a candidate for Council Members at Large, City of Mandeville in the July 11, 2020 election, was required to file campaign finance reports pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1484.

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 18:1505.1 provides that it is a violation of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act to fail to timely file campaign finance reports.

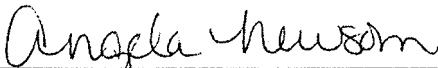
WHEREAS, in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1495.4E, the 2019 Annual campaign finance disclosure report was due by February 18, 2020. Ernest A. Burguières, III filed the 2019 Annual campaign finance disclosure report on April 23, 2020, 65 days late.

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(2)(a)(iii) of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act provides that an automatic late fee of \$40 per day (not to exceed \$1,000) be assessed against Ernest A. Burguières, III for this late filing. On July 13, 2020, a \$1000 late fee was assessed against Ernest A. Burguières, III.

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2020, Ernest A. Burguières, III filed a request to waive the late fee. At its January 8, 2021 meeting, the Board of Ethics suspended the \$1000 original late fee based on future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if Ernest A. Burguières, III fails to comply with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act in the future, the \$1000 suspended late fee shall be *immediately* due and owing.

ORDER signed on the 12th day of January 2021 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



Angela Newsom, Director
Campaign Finance & Lobbying Division

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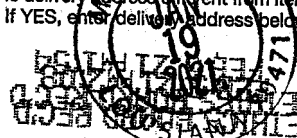
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From: Charles.Reeves.ETHICS <Charles.Reeves.ETHICS@LA.GOV>
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 1:37 PM
To: neworleansatty@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Burguières Docket No. 2020-861

Thank you. The meeting will be on January 7, 2022, at 9:00am.
The meeting is in the LaSalle Building located at 617 North Third Street in Baton Rouge, LA 70802.

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Subject: Burguières Docket No. 2020-861

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Charles, I am available on Friday, January 7, 2022 to attend the hearing before the Board.

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October 28, 2021

Ernest A. Burguières, III
P.O. BOX 8994
Mandeville, LA 70470

Re: Louisiana Board of Ethics Docket No. 2020-861

Dear Ernest A. Burguières, III:

This will confirm your scheduled appearance before the Louisiana Board of Ethics on November 5, 2021 in the LaSalle Building, 617 North Third Street, 1st Floor - LaBelle Room, Baton Rouge, LA concerning the above referenced matter.

Your appearance is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. You will be notified as soon as possible if a change in the appearance time is necessary.

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

Carolyn Abadie Landry
Executive Secretary
CAL:sd

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FAX COVER SHEET

DATE: 9-29-21

TIME: 10:15 AM

CHARLES REEVES

TO: LA. BOARD OF ETHICS

FROM: Ernest Burguières

FAX NUMBER CALLED: 225-381-7271

RE: DOCKET 2020-861

MESSAGE: SEE LETTER WITH ATTACHMENTS

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September 29, 2021

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Re: **Ethics Board Docket No. 2020-861**

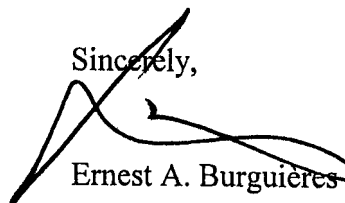
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Dear Mr. Reeves:

Pursuant to the September 21, 2021 letter I received from Carolyn Landry (a copy attached) I request that my appearance at the October 8, 2021 Board hearing be continued because I will be out of the State from October 7-12, 2021. I am also enclosing a copy of my flight itinerary. Please let me know when the next available date that I can appear.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Ernest A. Burguières



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September 21, 2021

Ernest A. Burguières, III
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Mandeville, LA 70470

RE: Louisiana Board of Ethics Docket No. 2020-861

Dear Ernest A. Burguières, III:

State offices were closed in East Baton Rouge Parish August 30 – September 3, 2021 due to Hurricane Ida. Accordingly, the Louisiana Board of Ethics' September 2-3, 2021 meeting was canceled. All agenda items originally scheduled for that meeting will be considered by the Board at its October 7-8, 2021 meeting.

Therefore, the item you submitted, which is identified by the above-referenced docket number, will be considered by the Louisiana Board of Ethics at its general meeting on October 8, 2021 at 9:00am. If you were scheduled to appear at the Board's September 3, 2021 meeting, you will be scheduled for an appearance at the October 8, 2021 meeting. If you had not scheduled an appearance in the above-referenced docket number and would like to do so, or have a conflict with the October 8, 2021 date, please contact our office at the above phone numbers and ask to speak to the attorney assigned to the referenced docket number.

Sincerely,

Louisiana Board of Ethics

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn Landry".

Carolyn Landry
Executive Secretary
CAL:sd

SEATTLE

Your trip

Booking ref: 33US5H
Document Issue 13 September 2021
Date:

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Traveler: Ernest Burgulieres
Agency: TOWN & COUNTRY TRAVEL
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Thursday 07 October 2021



Miscellaneous

Location

New Orleans - LA

Booking status

Confirmed

Details

Roundtrip Nonrefundable Airfare \$250.39 Per Person
Requires Ticketing Within 24 Hours
Airfare Subject To Change Until Tickets Are Issued

Thursday 07 October 2021



United Airlines UA 2045

Departure: 07 October 08:26 AM

New Orleans (Louis Armstrong Intl) (+)

Arrival: 07 October 10:24 AM

Denver (Denver International) (+)

Duration

02:58 (Non stop)

Booking status

Confirmed

Class

Economy (L)

Baggage allowance

0 Piece(s) for Ernest Burgulieres

Equipment

AIRBUS A320

Flight meal

Food and beverages for purchase

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Duration

03:01 (Non stop)

Booking status

Confirmed

Class

Economy (L)

Baggage allowance

0 Piece(s) for Ernest Burgulieres

Equipment

BOEING 737 MAX 9

Flight meal

Food and beverages for purchase

Frequent Flyer number

UALG499472 for Ernest Burgulieres

Check-in

Tuesday 12 October 2021



United Airlines UA 1703



Check-in

Departure 12 October 01:23 PM

Arrival 12 October 05:05 PM

Duration

Booking status

Class

Baggage allowance

Equipment

Flight meal

Frequent Flyer number

Seattle, (Seattle Tacoma Intl) (+)

Denver, (Denver International) (+)

02:42 (Non stop)

Confirmed

Economy (L)

0 Piece(s) for Ernest Burguleres

BOEING 737-800

Food and beverages for purchase

UALG499472 for Ernest Burguleres

Tuesday 12 October 2021



United Airlines UA 626



Check-in

Departure 12 October 05:55 PM

Arrival 12 October 09:36 PM

Duration

Booking status

Class

Baggage allowance

Equipment

Flight meal

Frequent Flyer number

Denver, (Denver International) (+)

New Orleans, (Louis Armstrong Intl) (+)

02:41 (Non stop)

Confirmed

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FAX COVER SHEET

DATE: 9-29-21 TIME: 10:15 AM
CHARLES REEVES
TO: LA. BOARD OF ETHICS FROM: Ernest Burguières

FAX NUMBER CALLED: 225-381-7271

RE: DOCKET 2020-861

MESSAGE: SEE LETTER WITH ATTACHMENTS

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From: neworleansatty@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2021 10:10 AM
To: charles.reeves.ethics@la.gov
Cc: Ernest Burguières
Subject: Board Of Ethics Docket No. 2020-861
Attachments: Board.Of.Ethics.Continuance6.09292021.wpd.pdf

Please see letter with attachments. Also sent by fax and US Mail.

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September 21, 2021

Ernest A. Burguières, III
P.O. BOX 8994
Mandeville, LA 70470

RE: Louisiana Board of Ethics Docket No. 2020-861

Dear Ernest A. Burguières, III:

State offices were closed in East Baton Rouge Parish August 30 – September 3, 2021 due to Hurricane Ida. Accordingly, the Louisiana Board of Ethics' September 2-3, 2021 meeting was canceled. All agenda items originally scheduled for that meeting will be considered by the Board at its October 7-8, 2021 meeting.

Therefore, the item you submitted, which is identified by the above-referenced docket number, will be considered by the Louisiana Board of Ethics at its general meeting on October 8, 2021 at 9:00am. If you were scheduled to appear at the Board's September 3, 2021 meeting, you will be scheduled for an appearance at the October 8, 2021 meeting. If you had not scheduled an appearance in the above-referenced docket number and would like to do so, or have a conflict with the October 8, 2021 date, please contact our office at the above phone numbers and ask to speak to the attorney assigned to the referenced docket number.

Sincerely,
Louisiana Board of Ethics

Carolyn Landry
Executive Secretary
CAL:sd



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August 24, 2021

Ernest A. Burguières, III
P.O. BOX 8994
Mandeville, LA 70470

Re: Louisiana Board of Ethics Docket No. 2020-861

Dear Ernest A. Burguières, III:

This correspondence is to acknowledge receipt of your recent submission of a request for an advisory opinion or waiver of a late fee. Your submittal is identified by the Ethics Board docket number referenced above and has been placed on the agenda for the Board's consideration at its September 3, 2021 meeting.

If you would like to schedule an appearance before the Board of Ethics at that meeting in connection with this matter, please contact Charles Reeves at the numbers above. Your inclusion of the above docket number in future communications to this office will be appreciated.

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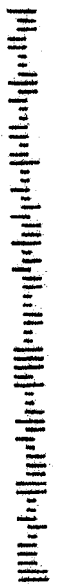
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April 2, 2021

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

Re: **Ethics Board Docket No. 2020-861**

CERTIFIED MAIL

Dear Sirs:

Pursuant to your letter of March 9, 2021, I request that all financial and medical information that has been sent to you relating to me be kept confidential. I am enclosing copies of the following:

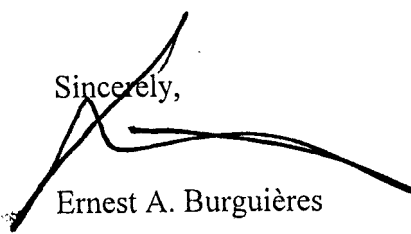
- Financial Statement you requested
- Letter and medical records relating to me from Dr. William W. Alden
- Letter and tax records relating to me from Thomas G. Krentel

It is my understanding that Dr. Alden and Mr. Krentel both sent you their correspondence directly, I am including copies in an abundance of caution.

I believe it has taken everyone quite a while to fully appreciate the deleterious effects that Covid 19 has had on the public, and me in particular. I urge the Board to take this into consideration when reviewing my actions that form the basis of my late filing of my report in connection with the July 11, 2020 election. The combination of the effects of the disease, the recovery and the resulting hardship it created on me professionally I would hope warrant some sympathy and understanding. I cannot change the facts, my report was late. However, I would prefer that such a mistake would not become a mark on my record.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Ernest A. Burguières

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March 9, 2021

Ernest A. Burguières, III
P.O. Box 8994
Mandeville, LA 70470

RE: Ethics Board Docket No.: 2020-861

Dear Ernest A. Burguières, III:

You recently requested a waiver of the late fee assessed against you for filing your campaign finance disclosure report late in connection with the July 11, 2020 election. In your request it states you was hospitalized with Coronavirus and due to pandemic it caused a financial hardship. If you would like the Board to consider your medical reason and financial hardship, you must provide documentation verifying your claim. Please provide hospitalization discharge. Also, for financial hardship please provide your most recent tax return or W-2 and complete the enclosed Financial Statement Form to the above mailing address. The information you provide will only be reviewed by the Ethics Board.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at the above number.

Please submit the documentation to the above address by **April 12, 2021**.

Sincerely,

Melissa Horn

Ernest A. Burguières
Attorney at Law
829 Baronne St.
New Orleans, Louisiana 70113

FAX COVER SHEET

DATE: JAN. 25, 2021

TIME: 9:30 A.M.

TO: LA BOARD OF
ETHICS

FROM: Ernest Burguières

FAX NUMBER CALLED: 225-381-7271

RE: ERNEST BURGUIERES
DOCKET I.D. 2020-861

MESSAGE: SEE ATTACHED APPEAL

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January 25, 2021

Louisiana Board of Ethics
Post Office Box 4368
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821

Re: Late Fee Assessment
July 11, 2020 election
Docket ID: 2020-861

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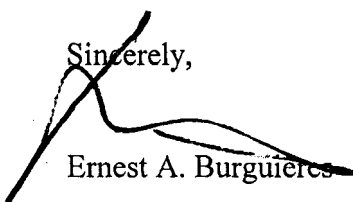
I received your certified January 12, 2021 letter (No. 70200090000073035707) on January 19, 2021 in which you informed me that you declined to waive \$320. fine for the late filing of my 30p report on December 31, 2019. I request a waiver for the following reasons:

Like many Americans, when I was struck with the Coronavirus in March and April, 2020 I was not only seriously ill, but I was out of business in my law practice as well as shut down my campaign. I was hospitalized in April in connection with this disease. Although I was discharged from the hospital in early April my physical recovery was not complete for many more weeks. I was unable to work because of not only my recuperation but also my clients or the court's suspension of activities. Then the Governor suspended the April 4th election date until July 11, 2020, a period of almost 10 weeks with resulting changes in campaign finance filing dates. I am sure that this caused confusion even for experienced campaigns with staffs.

My campaign died and never recovered. Fortunately I did recover. However, I was not able to raise any significant money because in a small race for a town council there is not that much money to go around and the Coronavirus was in full swing. My campaign was basically me. Unfortunately, even though I may have wanted to, the public was not receptive to people knocking on their doors to chat about an election with an airborne infectious disease in the community. I lost my election by 77 votes out of 5,701 cast.

My mistake was just that, a mistake, resulting from a confluence of pressures, most beyond my control. This has been an extraordinary year for everyone. I ask that the Board consider these pressures in reconsidering the waiver of the \$320. late fee imposed on me.

Sincerely,



Ernest A. Burguières

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FAX COVER SHEET

DATE: JAN. 25, 2021 TIME: 9:30 AM.
TO: LA BOARD OF ETHICS FROM: Ernest Burguières
FAX NUMBER CALLED: 225-381-7271
RE: ERNEST BURGUIERES
DOCKET I.D. 2020-861
MESSAGE: SEE ATTACHED APPEN

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January 12, 2021

ERNEST A. BURGUIERES, III
P.O. BOX 8994
MANDEVILLE, LA 70470

RE: 10-G Campaign Finance Disclosure Report - July 11, 2020 Election
Docket ID: 2020-861
BOARD RESULT: Decline to Waive

Dear Ernest A. Burguierez, III:

At its January 2021 meeting, the Louisiana Board of Ethics, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, considered your request for a "good cause" waiver of the \$320 late fee assessed against you for failing to timely file the 10-G Campaign Finance Disclosure Report campaign finance disclosure report.

The Board concluded, and instructed me to inform you, that it **DECLINED TO WAIVE** the \$320 late fee. Please submit a check or money order in the amount of \$320, payable to *Louisiana State Treasurer*, P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821. You have 20 days from receipt of this notice to pay the late fee or dispute the assessment.

To dispute the assessment, you may elect to do either or both of the following:


1. You may submit a **request for reconsideration** to the *Board of Ethics*.
If you choose to request reconsideration, your request should include additional information not previously provided or available to the Board during its initial consideration of the matter. If you would like to appear before the *Board of Ethics* in connection with your request, you should state that in your letter. If you request an appearance, you will be notified of the place and time prior to the meeting. The request should be submitted to: *Louisiana Board of Ethics* Post Office Box 4368, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70821. You may also fax the request to 225/381-7271. If the *Board of Ethics* denies your request, you may appeal the reduced amount to the *Ethics Adjudicatory Board*.
2. You may **request an appeal** of the assessment to the *Ethics Adjudicatory Board*.
Your request shall include all grounds for which you are seeking an appeal, along with documentation and evidence. If you choose to request an appeal, your request should be submitted to: *Louisiana Board of Ethics* Post Office Box 4368, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821. You may also fax the request to 225/381-7271.

If you do not pay the late fee or dispute the assessment within 20 days of receipt of this notice, then the \$320 late fee will be forwarded to the Attorney General's Office for collection. If the matter is forwarded to the Attorney General's Office, you may be responsible for all additional costs incurred. Late fees not paid by the due date will be posted on the agency website. If you request reconsideration or an appeal, your name will not be posted on the agency website.

Additionally, it should be noted that any unpaid fines, fees, or penalties may have an adverse effect on your ability to run for public office, as the *Board of Ethics* will object to your candidacy in future elections pursuant to La. R.S. 18:491 and 18:492.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS


Charles E. Reeves, Jr.

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January 12, 2021

ERNEST A. BURGUIERES, III
P.O. BOX 8994
MANDEVILLE, LA 70470

RE: 2019 Annual Campaign Finance Disclosure Report - July 11, 2020 Election
Docket ID: 2020-861

Dear Ernest A. Burguieres, III:

At its January 2021 meeting, the *Board of Ethics*, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, (by majority vote) suspended the \$1000 late fee assessed against you for failing to timely file the required campaign finance disclosure report. You have 20 days from receipt of this notice to pay the late fee or dispute the assessment.

To dispute the assessment, you may elect to do either or both of the following:

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The suspension is based on future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act. Therefore, if you fail to comply with the CFDA in the future, the suspended late fee in the amount of \$1000 shall be immediately due and owing. Accordingly, if you fail to comply with the CFDA, you will be responsible not only for the new late filing fee, but also the suspended \$1000 late fee.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS


Charles E. Reeves, Jr.

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FAX COVER SHEET

DATE: 10-1-20

TIME: 9:45 AM

MELISSA HORN
LO. BOARD OF ETHICS
TO: _____

FROM: Ernest Burguières

FAX NUMBER CALLED: 225-381-7271

RE: LATE FEE ASSESSMENT

MESSAGE: SEE LETTER REQUESTING

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October 1, 2020

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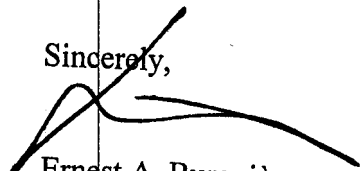
Re: Late Fee Assessment
July 11, 2020 election

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Dear Ms. Horn:

I received your certified September 25, 2020 letter (No. 70191640000203574328) informing me of the \$320. fine for the late filing of my 30p report on December 31, 2019. I request a waiver for the reasons cited in my August 28, 2020 letter to you.

Sincerely,



Ernest A. Burguières

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TO: MELISSA HORN FROM: Ernest Burguières
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RE: LATE FEE ASSESSMENT

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September 25, 2020

Ernest A. Burguières, III
P.O. Box 8994
Mandeville, LA 70470

CERTIFIED MAIL

NO. 70191640000203574328

RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

RE: Late fee assessment for the July 11, 2020 Election
10-G Campaign Finance Disclosure Report filed 8 days late

Dear Ernest A. Burguières, III:

Enclosed is an assessment of a late fee pursuant to La R.S. 18:1505.4 and La. R.S. 18:1511.4.1. Please submit a check or money order in the amount of \$320 payable to the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana to P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. **Please note that late fees can only be paid by the candidate or by his campaign.**

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Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

Melissa Horn

STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
acting in its capacity as the
SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE

In Re: Ernest A. Burguières, III
July 11, 2020 Election

LATE FEE ASSESSMENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Ernest A. Burguières, III, in his capacity as a candidate for Council Members at Large, City of Mandeville in the July 11, 2020 election was required to file campaign finance reports pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1484.

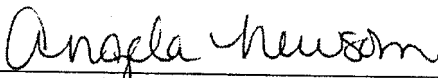
WHEREAS, La. R.S. 18:1505.1 provides that it is a violation of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act to fail to timely file campaign finance reports.

WHEREAS, in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1495.4B(5), Ernest A. Burguières, III was required to file a 10th Day Prior to General Report (10-G) by August 5, 2020. Ernest A. Burguières, III filed the report on August 13, 2020 and was 8 days late.

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(2)(a)(iii) provides that an automatic late fee of \$40 per day (not to exceed \$1,000) be assessed against Ernest A. Burguières, III for this late filing.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED that a late fee of \$320 is assessed against Ernest A. Burguières, III for failure to timely file his campaign finance disclosure report.

ORDER signed on the 25th day of September 2020 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



Angela Newsom, Director
Campaign Finance & Lobbying Division

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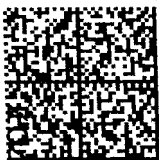
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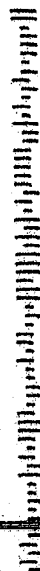
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August 31, 2020

Ernest A. Burguières, III
P.O. Box 8994
Mandeville, LA 70470

RE: Ethics Board Docket No.:

Dear Ernest A. Burguières, III:

You recently requested a waiver of the late fee assessed against you for filing your campaign finance disclosure report late in connection with the July 11, 2020 election. In the request, you stated that you had health issues. If you would like the Board to consider your medical situation as a reason for this late filing, you must provide documentation verifying your claim. The information you provide will only be reviewed by the Ethics Board.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at the above number.

Please submit the documentation to the above address by **October 5, 2020**.

Sincerely,

Melissa Horn

Ernest A. Burguières
Attorney at Law
829 Baronne St.
New Orleans, Louisiana 70113

FAX COVER SHEET

DATE: AUG. 28, 2020

TIME: 9:45 AM

MELISSA HORN

TO: LA. BOARD OF ETHICS

FROM: Ernest Burguières

FAX NUMBER CALLED: 225-381-7271

RE: LATE FEE ASSESSMENT

MESSAGE: SEE LETTER AND ATTACHMENTS

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August 28, 2020

Melissa Horn
Louisiana Board of Ethics
Post Office Box 4368
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821

Re: Late Fee Assessment
July 11, 2020 election

Dear Ms. Horn:

In response to your August 20, 2020 letter (Certified Mail 70200640000107318959) I offer the following response:

I request that the Board consider waiving and/or reducing the late fee for the following reasons:

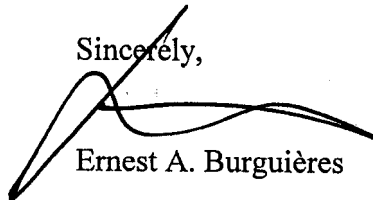
1. The Late Fee Assessment Order I received refers to an annual report that was supposed to be filed by February 18, 2020 and which was not received by the Board of Ethics until April 23, 2020. A copy of this Order is attached.
2. The Schedule of Reporting and Filing Dates I received when I qualified states that the first deadline that applied to "all candidates" was the 30P due by March 5, 2020. There are no reports due February 18, 2020. A copy of this Schedule is attached.
3. I made a mistake in assuming that the 30P report due March 5, 2020 was the first report that I was required to file. As a result, I filed my 30P on February 26, 2020 which covered all activity from October 18, 2019 when I first received contributions to February 24, 2020.
4. In March, 2020 I contracted the Coronavirus.
5. In April, 2020 I was hospitalized for health issues related to the Coronavirus.

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August 28, 2020

6. I was informed by the Board of Ethics by letter dated March 17, 2020 that I needed to break this 30P report into two reports; an annual report which covered October 18, 2019 through December 31, 2019. I filed this revised annual report on April 23, 2020.
7. On May 6, 2020, pursuant to the revised schedules due to the Coronavirus, I filed the 30P that covered January 1, 2020 to February 24, 2020.
8. I ran my campaign by myself without any staff.
9. I provided all of the correct information for the time period October 18, 2019 to February 24, 2020. My error was in making it one report instead of two reports. This was based on my misunderstanding of the rule.
10. I believe such an honest error, coupled with the personal turmoil I experienced with the Coronavirus during this period mitigates against assessing an penalty. Please waive this late assessment fee.

If the Board would like to hear from me personally I would be happy to do so.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ernest A. Burguières', with a stylized, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Ernest A. Burguières

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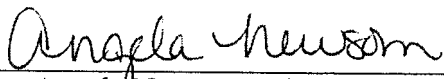
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Angela Newsom, Director
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